

It is incredible to me that the FCC would waste scarce government resources as well as scarce taxpayers' monies, which could be better devoted to the "War on Terrorism" and informing the public thereto, in considering the outrageous petition of the National Association of Broadcasters to the FCC, Petition 04-160, which to my mind is nothing but a violation of the Constitutional given of free speech.

We are XM Satellite Radio Subscribers. It is extraordinarily informative to be able to listen to traffic reports from across the country. It provides us with a sense of National Community; it is interesting, and frankly, it is amazing.

From my perch in a tiny town on the Monterey Peninsula, I can listen to NYC traffic after the New York Financial Markets close. It is almost like being there.

I find local traffic reporters, at least here, and in the San Francisco Bay Area with which we are sometimes, unfortunately, associated to be absolutely gleeful in their reportage of the carnage on our roads in this part of the State of California.

XM Satellite Radio's traffic reports are considerably more objective.

I would urge you to reject the NAB's petition as ill considered and frivolous as soon as legally possible which I hope could be as early as June 7th.

Incidentally, you might find it interesting to know that I have many things in common with Michael Powell's father, Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Besides both of us being Republicans and about the same age, we both grew up in The Bronx not far from each other. But I have the edge over Secretary Powell, I was born there.

Please give your boss my very best regards.

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